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HOUSE RESOLUTION 131
By Godsey

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Mike Forrester for receiving the Child Advocacy Award for 2001.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Mike Forrester, who has been recognized and honored by the Northeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth with its Child Advocacy Award for 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forrester's work with children has evolved over 24 years and numerous programs; his dedication began in his teens, assisting with organized sporting events, and has continued with activities involving the Boy Scouts and Church Youth Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Two years ago, Mike's life-long dedication became his full-time job with his appointment as Director of Programs for a community-based center serving at-risk children, from kindergarten-age through adolescence; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Forrester works daily with children, enabling, helping and guiding them to develop morally, emotionally, mentally, and physically; his goals for these children are better education, better self esteem, and better life choices, leading to better citizens, better employees, better parents, and a better world; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his full-time job, Mr. Forrester serves on several area boards and advisory councils, including as President of the Directors of Volunteers in Agencies, as a Community Coordinator and Planner for SAFE NIGHTS USA events; as a member of Science Hill High School's Alternative School Advisory Council; the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce Leadership 2015 program; the Executive Board of the Northeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth and as co-Chair of the Steering Committee for Reality of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forrester also performs volunteer work for Mortal Kombat in Sullivan County, "Lunch Break for Deserving Kids," the Communities in Schools program; and for Reality of Washington County, where he serves as a volunteer guide on Friday evenings; and

WHEREAS, His tremendous impact on the lives of others cannot be measured because he has taught, mentored, guided, and molded children of various ages and of various backgrounds throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forrester's unselfish commitment, incredible dedication, and relentless efforts to improve the quality of life for these children, their families, and their future children have been duly recognized; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud this inimitable man for his outstanding efforts and most recent award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we

honor and congratulate Mike Forrester for receiving the Northeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth's Child Advocacy Award for 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend and recognize his unflagging commitment, admirable dedication, and incredible efforts at helping those least able to help themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.